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MISTY
RAIN

CLACK
My name is Yuuki Tsumire.
Due to my mother's sudden death, I moved into my grandfather's home.
where I fell in love with his lawyer.
His task is to marry me to someone of my family's choice.
I agreed to this marriage arrangement because I wanted to be with him.
T/N: "He" = the lawyer
To him, Koudai, this is no more than some innocent crush.
He's the one who's always supported me whenever I'm sad
EVERYONE HAS ALREADY ARRIVED
That's why I...

I won't run from this arrangement for him.
Even if my love won't be returned.
I still want to express these feelings I have for Koudai...

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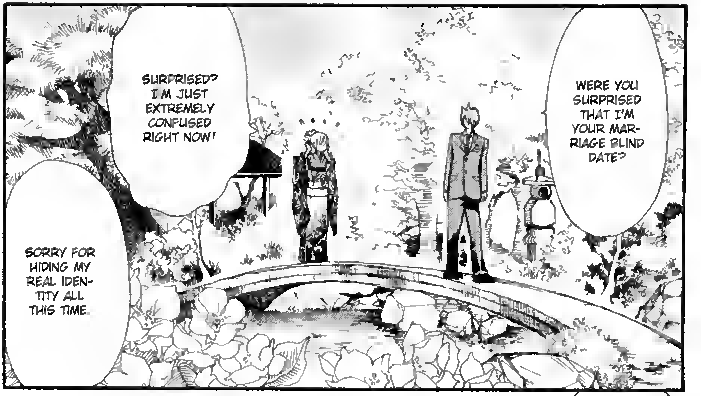
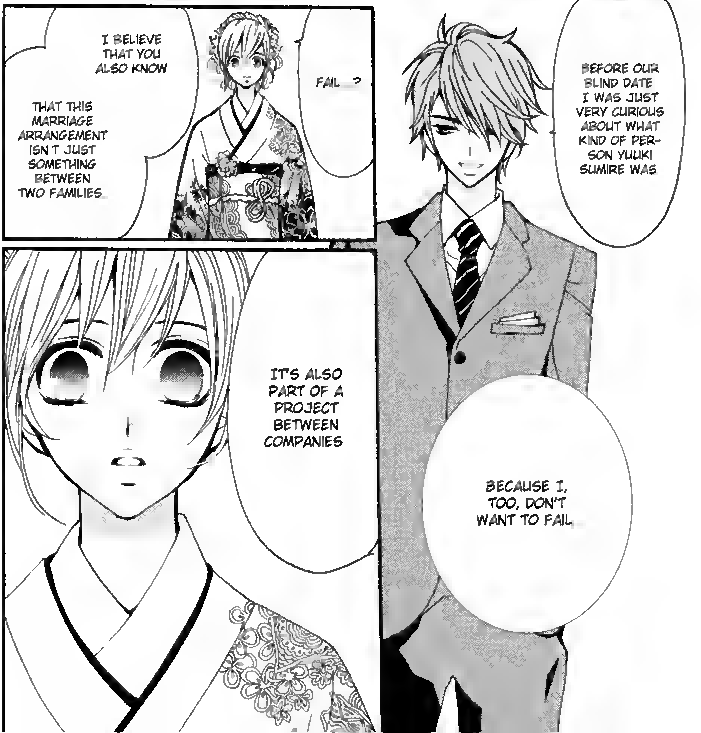
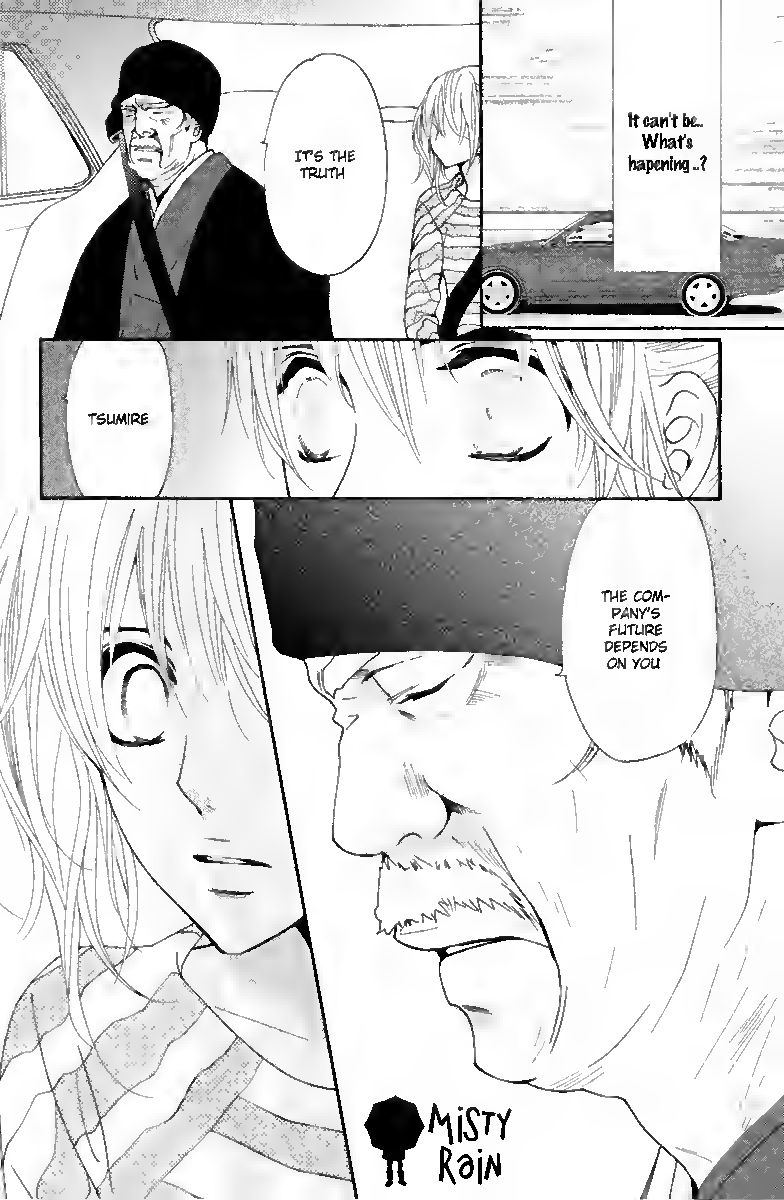

SURPRISED? I'M JUST EXTREMELY CONFUSED RIGHT NOW!
WERE YOU SURPRISED THAT I'M YOUR MARRIAGE BLIND DATE?
SORRY FOR HIDING MY REAL IDENTITY ALL THIS TIME.


I BELIEVE THAT YOU ALSO KNOW
THAT THIS MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENT ISN'T JUST SOMETHING BETWEEN TWO FAMILIES.
FAIL...?
BEFORE OUR BLIND DATE I WAS JUST VERY CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT KIND OF PERSON YUUKI SUMIRE WAS
IT'S ALSO PART OF A PROJECT BETWEEN COMPANIES
BECAUSE I, TOO, DON'T WANT TO FAIL

IN OTHER WORDS, OUR ARRANGEMENT IS THE EVIDENCE OF THAT ALLIANCE
IF THIS ARRANGEMENT FAILS...
CORRECT IF JEWELRY COMPANY 'YUKI' WON'T UNITE WITH 'STARS', 'YUKI' WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD OUT
EH...?
PROJECT...
'YUKI' WILL GO BANKRUPT.


It can't be.. What's hapening..?
IT'S THE TRUTH
TSUMIRE
THE COMPANY'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOU
MISTY Rain

.....
KARI
LAW
.....
ring
ring
ring
Don't go to that blind date.
Follow Koudai's arrangements for your blind-dates
Because it had been promised
and then marry.
Miss Tsumiru?
Because she and the boy she liked had promised
to definitely marry each other.

TSUMIRE!
.....
KENTO WAS MY BLIND DATE
WHAT DID YOU DO?
Sorry for keeping it from you
On top of that, I did something extremely impolite last night
.....

uhm
I MEANT IN COMPARISON TO THAT SITUATION IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF YOU TOLD ME EARLIER!
HAVEN'T YOU SAID SO YOURSELF?
YOU WISHED I WOULD MARRY A PRINCE LIKE KENTO!
.....
In this case your job has been accomplished
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TROUBLE YOURSELF FOR ME ANYMORE
I NOW HAVE PRINCE KENTO BY MY SIDE
So don't worry
Just concentrate on your work
BECAUSE
screech
screech
KOUDAI IS AN EXCELLENT LAWYER .!

Something's wrong.. Could it be that it is not possible..?
NO
THAT WON'T BE POSSIBLE!
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN DON'T WORRY!
.....
Well that's it. I'm hanging up!
MISS TSUMIRE THAT...
MY PARTNER IS A RICH FELLOW!
GOOOOOO MARRIAGE!!
HANDSOME! TALL!
HE'S FLAWLESS!
YEAH!
baza
baza
baza
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT...?
OKAY
THUD
It's okay this way, right mom...
MISTY Rain

We've received a notice from the student council
On the upcoming June tenth
a Huang Ying festival will be held for the first time in five years
I HEARD THAT THE SPONSORS INVESTED TOO MUCH IN THE FESTIVAL THAT THEY WENT BANKRUPT...
We're from the elementary section
LIAR! HUANG YING FESTIVAL WAS CANCELLED, RIGHT?!
!
What's this all about...?
Stars financial holdings our sponsor for this event
This all is made possible by
Even though my heart got broken like this,
It's okay that I've once had these feelings, right?

Eh? Stars is .....
IN OTHER WORDS...
KYAA~~~♡
AWE~~~SOMEE
♡Great news!!
HIT
♡It's ♡Hoshi Kento♡
THE FESTIVAL'S MASKED DANCE WILL ALSO CARRY ON
SO EVERYONE BE PREPARED!
The reactions are so intensive...
NOW TSUMIRE HAS TO DO THE CLOTHES
AND THE PATTERNS HAVE TO MATCH MINE~

JUST LIKE A COUPLE
LET'S SHOW OFF TO EVERY-BODY
HEY KENTO, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT COMPANIES OR WORK ..
BUT IS THIS REALLY OKAY?
MISTY RAIN

DOES KENTO THINK THIS MARRIAGE IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO?
WITH HOW THIS HAS HAPPENED AND ALL ..
IS MARRIAGE REALLY THAT IMPORTANT?
TSUMIRE, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
What ...
It's no good hearing this.
What's she saying ?
Heh

FOR ME, THIS IS WHAT MARRIAGE IS ALL ABOUT.
IT'S ALL JUST FOR BUSINESS.
.....
So marriage is
business...
BECAUSE I AM FROM A SINGLE PARENT FAMILY...
EVEN IF YOU PUT IT SO...
LONELY...
Living on

walks away
EXCUSE ME, I HAVE TO GO.
DONG DONG DONG
.....EH?
And the idea of marrying someone you like.
Is it too naive?
.....
HAVE A NICE DAY, MR. HINO.
IT WAS NOTHING.
LONELY....?
GASP
Ah...
THANK YOU FOR DRIVING ME HOME.
MISTY Rain

grabs tightly
TSUMIRE?
WELL
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU TWO ARE GOING HOME TOGETHER NOW?
Yes
YES, KENTO BROUGHT ME HOME
REALLY?
KENTO HAS BOUGHT ME DINNER TOO
WELL, ISN'T THAT NICE
HE HAS ALSO BOUGHT ME CLOTHES FOR THE FESTIVAL
THIS WAY
WE WILL BE WEARING THE SAME CLOTHES
MISS TSUMIRE
YOU LOOK VERY HAPPY. THAT'S GREAT.

.....
(Uhu)
Look, quick...!!
IT'S ALL THANKS TO MR. HINO'S HARD WORK.
MY TSU-MIRE..
IS TO-GETHER WITH ME NOW
BECAUSE YOU LOOKED AFTER HER WELL FOR ME
THANK YOU
FOR EVERY-THING
Ah...

Koudai...!
IF WE CARRY ON
THIS 'FAKE LOVERS' ACT
ONE DAY WE MAY REALLY LOVE EACH OTHER AS A COUPLE...
'Fake lovers' act..?
YEAH...
BANG
THIS HURTS...

Go on.
Go forward.
It doesn't matter.
WHAT AM I DOING...?

LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES. I WILL APOLOGIZE TO THE CUSTOMER IMMEDIATELY...
IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD IF YOU CARRY ON ACTING LIKE A NEWBIE!
LETTING THE OPPONENT DISCOVER OUR WEAKNESS IS A HUGE MISTAKE FOR A LAWYER!
JUST DROP IT. I'LL TAKE OVER THIS CASE!

Because this is the path I've chosen.

*T/N Meticulous very careful about doing something in an extremely accurate and exact way Merriam Webster

HIT
HIT
AND FEEL WITH YOUR HEART! THAT'S THE MAIN POINT!
YOU HAVE TO ABANDON YOUR OPINIONS!
HITS CHEST
SOLELY DECIDING WITH LADY JUSTICE'S SCALE WON'T HELP
SOMETIMES
MY HEART
sips
Here we go again
In other words,
I have heavy duties every day, but if I haven't had the heart to outdo everyone, this problem won't have occurred.
AAAAAH! STOP THINKING!!
Even when you're writing
ROARAA
.....
ring ring

THE THING THAT TSUMIRE FORGOT?
THANKS FOR EVERY-THING..... EH?
ONE,
TWO
THREE
Maybe it would've gone better...
If I just haven't forgotten my dance shoes.....
Sniff sniff
Is it because they're rich that it's only natural to dance so well?
Everyone is so great...
So happy!
Yeah. Uhu
HERE
Yeah, close enough.
TEACHER
YOU!
MISS YUKI
SLOPPY
DE
RESSED
Just a few more days till the party. It makes me so nervous.
HAVE TO STAY BEHIND, BE-CAUSE YOUR MOVES ARE TOO SLOPPY.
YES...

MiSTY Rain

IT SEEMS LIKE I'M A BIT TOO LATE
THE HOUSE-KEEPER ASKED ME TO BRING THESE TO YOU.
AH, NO...
SHOULD I BRING IT BACK?
AH..
I NEED IT RIGHT NOW.
IT'S AL-RIGHT!
LET'S GO TO THE INFIRMARY TO TAKE CARE OF IT.
Ah...
PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR LESSON.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY YOURSELF I HAVE TO GO
EH?
AH, THIS IS...
ISN'T IT BROKEN!?
YOUR HAND...

What am I doing?
REALLY? WELL THEN.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
They say it's dancing. It looks more like judo practice.
!?
I-
I'M FINE!
Because Koudai doesn't have anything to do with me anymore.
clack clack clack clack
Walk Walk
It would go better if she gets used to her shoes
SEE?
GLIDES SMOOTHLY
MISS TSUMIRE, YOUR POSTURE IS INCORRECT.
LIFT YOUR CHEST AND STRAIGHTEN YOUR WAIST

Woah...

have also
held hands
with their bodies so close to each other.
.....

So miss ...
and Koudai
KOUDAI, YOU CAN DANCE!?
I'VE PRACTICED WITH MISS XXX BEFORE
Woah ...

MISTY RAIN
Be this close to Koudai...
Who and when could someone,
without having to dance..
SPRAIN
BAM
WAH
OW
BAM
THUD
OWO-WOW
MISS TSUMIRE IS EVERY-THING
ALRIGHT..

WHAT'S WRONG?
THAT
WELL, I THINK IT'S BETTER IF I PRACTICE BY MYSELF NOW...
MISS TSU-MIRE!
LOOK, YOUR PHONE IS RINGING!
QUICK, PICK UP!
ring
ring
ring
I'M OKAY BY MY-SELF!
BYE BYE!
ring
ring
SHUTS DOWN
beep
MISS TSUMIRE
GASP

COULD YOU PLEASE HAND ME MY GLASSES?
cause im short sighted
HERE
GRABS
YOU
ARE CRYING.
WHY IS THAT?
EH..?
PLEASE ENLIGHTEN ME
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING
YOU
ARE YOU ANGRY?
OF COURSE, I'M ANGRY! I'M A MESS!

MISTY RAIN
...NO
BUT YOU ARE THE ONE ULTIMATELY DECIDING
ABOUT THE MARRIAGE, I HAD MADE PROMISES TOO AND I'M STILL REFLECTING ON IT
WHY DO YOU CHOOSE TO KEEP EVERYTHING TO YOURSELF!
IF YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING, THEN DO SO!
IF PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND, THEN DISCUSS IT
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO MARRY, THEN DON'T...!
MARRYING BECAUSE OF ME?
DON'T MESS WITH ME
JUST SIMPLY DECIDING ON YOUR MARRIAGE, IS THAT REALLY ALRIGHT!?
SHOCKED
SIMPLE?
.....
... HAVE I EVER SAID THAT IT WAS JUST A 'SIMPLE' DECISION?

Let me go
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE AN ADULT, YOU STILL UNDERSTAND NOTHING AT ALL!
YOU ARE TERRIBLY SLOW MINDED!
IDIOT!
SNAP
WHY CAN'T I KEEP EVERYTHING TO MYSELF..!?
MISSY!? WELL, EVERYTHING IS BETTER THAN A WORKAHOLIC LIKE YOU!
HOW COULD I EVER UNDERSTAND A MISSY SUCH AS YOURSELF!
AAH! OF COURSE, I DON'T KNOW!
TO ME..
BECAUSE OF THAT PERSON'S EXISTENCE, EVEN IF MY MOM ISN'T HERE ANYMORE, I'M STILL ABLE TO LIVE A HAPPY LIFE.
WAS SO KIND TO ME WHEN I WAS SAD...
THE ONE WHO...
THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DISCUSSED WITH ANYONE. IT'S SIMPLY SOMETHING I WANTED TO DO TO BE USEFUL TO THE ONE I LOVE..!

NOTHING'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT PERSON'S EXISTENCE!!!
THIS LOVE IS ALL I HAVE RIGHT NOW.
Pant
Pant
Pant
Pant
Pant
Pant
Pant
.....
SO STU-PID...

GRABS HAIR
IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN...
I DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE YOU CRY.
THE ONE MAKING YOU CRY IS ACTUALLY ME.
Eh...?
.....
BECAUSE YOU'RE MY MOST IMPORTANT CLIENT.
I DID MY BEST TO MAKE YOUR LIFE HAPPIER THAN ANYONE ELSE'S.
I HANDLED WITH THIS THOUGHT IN MY HEAD.
.....
BUT NOW IT'S SO CONFUSING.

MISTY RAIN
NOW I WANT TO BE THE ONE TAKING CARE OF YOU.
TO BE THE ONE WHO HOLDS YOU TIGHT. SO TIGHT THAT YOU CAN'T PULL BACK.

HA

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HOLDS TIGHT
Our bodies...

FIRST WEDDING JEWELRY TRADE-MARK ARE NOW OPEN FOR RESER-VATION, RIGHT!?
IN OTHER WORDS, 'STARS' COMPANY'S
Feel as if they are going to explode....!
EVERYTHING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE HUANG YING SCHOOL'S FESTIVAL
YES.
ON THE PUBLICA-TION DAY
I WILL ALSO LET YOU MEET MY FIANCEE.

MISTY RAIN

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step 10

Koudai's heart...
It's beating so fast, just like mine...

Ah,
again...
Tmp...
.....
Ah.
HA!

...LET'S RETURN
VROOOM
SOON
...S-
TSUMIRE-SAN!
NO MATTER WHAT!
SEE YA...

IN ORDER TO NOT TO LET YOU CRY ANYMORE,
I WILL DO MY VERY BEST.
OKAY...
SHUTS

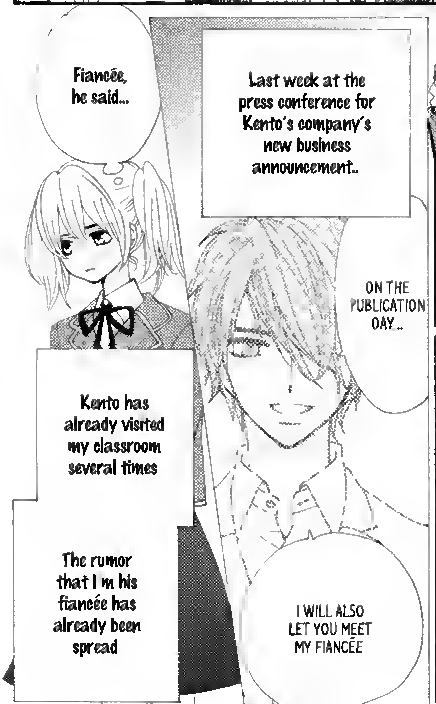
THUD
Oh no...
So the act of kissing actually feels this wonderful...
BAM
What the hell am I doing!?
She's my client's granddaughter! She's just a schoolgirl!
Have I gone mad...!?

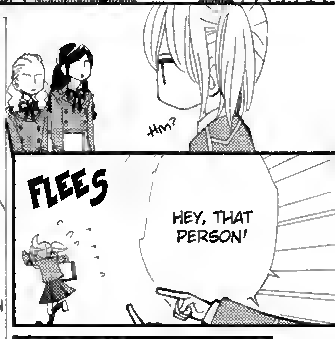
No No No No No No
She was cute..
"The project has already been started."
"We will proceed with the marriage."
"What kind of father is this!?"

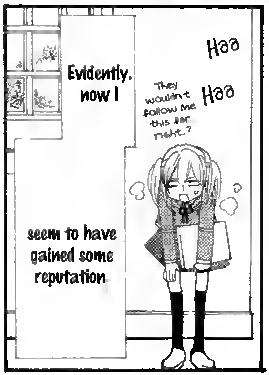
"Sorry, Koudai."
"Is it really all right to continue to be suppressed like this!?"
WHY DO I HAVE TO... FOR SUCH A PERSON...
CLENCH
Haa
Haa

I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO SAY IN THIS!
BUT, IN COMPARISON TO SUCH ARRANGE-MENTS THERE IS SOMETHING MUCH MORE IMPORTANT!
THE PERSON I WANT TO PROTECT...
TO ME, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING NOW IS...
This is major! major!

They're on fire!
WOAH! THE OYO FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE REALLY GETTING INTO IT.
Yeah
IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG, THE SCHOOL WILL BE A TOTAL LAUGHING STOCK!
YES!
STOMP
STOMP
THERE ARE ONLY TWENTY DAYS LEFT UNTIL THE FESTIVAL!
THE STUDENTS' GUARDIANS ARE ALL BUSINESS TYCOONS!


Fiancée, he said...
Last week at the press conference for Kento's company's new business announcement..
ON THE PUBLICATION DAY...
Kento has already visited my classroom several times
The rumor that I'm his fiancée has already been spread
I WILL ALSO LET YOU MEET MY FIANCÉE


Hm?
FLEES
HEY, THAT PERSON!


Evidently, now I
seem to have gained some reputation
Haa
They wouldn't follow me this far, right...?
Haa

YOU HAVE TO MAKE USE OF THIS WHEN THE TIME COMES
But...
YOU CAN'T JUST STAY ON GUARD
.....
This marriage means a lot to Kento's work...
Handsome rich boy
Hoshi Kento
It appears that Kento is a famous person too.
Even outside of school people are talking about it.
Up until now everything has gone peacefully because we've been granted permission to use the school's VIP exit and entrance.
There's actually this kind of place
From Hino Koudai
To Yuuki Tsumire
Until I say so, please don't take any measures by yourself
But...
Still, I must say something...
If I talk to him about cancelling everything early, I know it will cause him great trouble...
"In order to not let you cry anymore,
I will do my very best."
I believe in him. I believe in..
"No matter what!"
Since I can't meet him here,
DAMN IT
I can only follow his orders for now!

THE KIND OF KISS THAT MAKES SOMEONE WANT TO BURST INTO FLAMES!!
Ahh, I could feel it throughout my entire body!
I want to see him.
Must I really wait like this...?
SO,
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SAY?

IN REGARDS TO THE PROJECT WITH "STARS",
I HAVE A PROPOSAL.
A PRO-POSAL?
IN LIEU OF MERGING WITH "STARS",
IT IS POSSIBLE TO RECIEVE FINANCING FROM FUNDS OVERSEAS
YES.
NOW FOR YOUR CONSIDER-ATION...
WHY HAVE YOU BECOME SO TIMID?
.. I'M NOT BEING TIMID, THIS...
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO MAKE SUCH A TEPID PROPOSAL.
I AM JUST...
HINO.
ARE YOU ALSO GOING TO BECOME A COWARD LIKE YOUR FATHER?

OH?

It's Koudai's car! He's here!?
Ah!
KOUDAI...
Koudai...?
TSUMIRE
He's gone!?
Eh...?
AH...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN SUCH A PLACE?
QUICKLY, GO BACK.
AH...
Did Koudai come here to meet with Grandfather?
WAIT, PLEASE...
"Until I say so, please don't take any measures by yourself"
Sorry. Koudai.
GRANDFATHER, I...
I DON'T WANT TO GET MARRIED!
I WANT YOU TO CONSIDER CANCELLING THIS ARRANGEMENT!
SIGH
...ALWAYS YOU TOO

...Why?
Hoo
Hoo
GRANDFATHER...!
DRIVE.
!
WHRRR
Why wouldn't he let me finish!?
Don't I even have a say in my own marriage...!?
Makari Law Firm
OH HINO, YOU HAVEN'T LEFT YET?
Is there really nothing that I can do...?
Koudai too, he didn't even notice me and just walked away...
I wonder...

MAKARI SENSEI,
I NEED TO SPEAK TO YOU
OH? WHAT IS IT?
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK
HM~
AT THE END OF NEXT MONTH, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO RESIGN FROM MY POST AT THIS OFFICE
OH...?
WHY SO SUDDEN?
I'M SORRY EXCEPT THE PROJECTS THAT I AM CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE OVER ANY...
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE!

NO.
SURELY, THIS IS BECAUSE THE FEMALE COMPANY PRESIDENT HAS TAKEN A FANCY TO YOU AND SAID, "BE MY MAN AND YOU MAY HAVE YOUR OWN PRIVATE LAW OFFICE ♡"
IT MUST BE YOU THIS TIME!
FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO DO WHAT I WANT.
I APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE TO YOU AND YOUR OFFICE.
THE YUUKI FAMILY PROJECT ALSO,
I PLAN TO RESIGN FROM IT.
THIS IS NOT HALF-HEARTED.
I SEE.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR FATHER?
AND FORCING YOU TO STAY ISN'T AN OPTION
WELL, HAVING PERSONAL REASONS IS NORMAL
BUT
BESIDES, SINCE YOU'RE A LAWYER, YOU'RE BOUND TO BECOME INDEPENDENT EVENTUALLY

I HAVE ALREADY DECIDED...
MISTY RAIN

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

The Oyo festival has begun.
I haven't heard anything from Koudai for the past week...
TSUMIRE!
YOUR DRESS IS READY IN THE WAITING ROOM
LET'S GO.
AH.
KENTO... ABOUT TODAY'S ANNOUCEMENT...?
THAT'LL BE AT THE END OF THE BALL
So it won't be cancelled..
Koudai, he said that he'd definitely find a solution...
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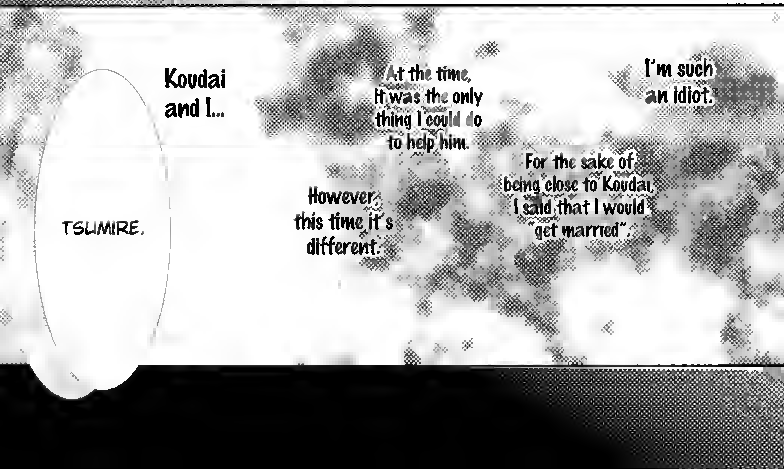
I'm such an idiot.
At the time, it was the only thing I could do to help him.
Koudai and I...
For the sake of being close to Koudai, I said that I would "get married".
However, this time it's different.
TSUMIRE.

YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL.
OF COURSE, THE KIMONO WAS BREATH-TAKING TOO.
BUT THIS DRESS SUITS YOU MOST.
...THANK YOU
That look!
...Hey.
KENTO, UM... YOU KNOW...
This is not the time to be zoning out!!
ムムム

THIS IS JEWELRY YUKI'S NEWEST DESIGN
IT'S CALLED "LIBRA OF THE GODDESS"
IT'S NAMED AFTER "THE GODDESS OF LIBRA"
Eh...?
THE GODDESS OF LIBRA?
LOOK, IF YOU CONNECT IT WITH THE BRACELET I'M WEARING...
IT'S AS IF THE TWO PEOPLE ARE BALANCED.
THE FATE OF THE COUPLE IS IN THEIR HANDS
BUT, IT'S ONLY A PIECE OF JEWELRY
IF EITHER SIDE PULLS TOO STRONGLY, IT WILL QUICKLY FALL APART...

YET, WHEN IT COMES TO FLEETING NATURE...
SO IF EITHER WERE TO BETRAY THE RELATIONSHIP, IT WOULD IMMEDIATELY BREAK.
THAT'S THE STORY OF THE TRANSIENCE OF THIS BRACELET.
PEOPLE CAN ALSO BE EASILY CORRUPTED...
Kento...?
WELL, IT'S ALMOST TIME.
I HAVE TO ARRANGE A FEW LAST THINGS SO THAT THE STAFF CAN ENJOY THE BALL TOO.
Ah!
Put on your mask.
B- BUT, YOU KNOW, I...
BY THE WAY, IT'S A SHAME ABOUT HINO-SAN

EH?
GRAND-FATHER YUUKI'S LAWYER HAS RESIGNED.
Eh...!?
TSUMIRE, YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
HINO-SAN IS SO COLD
OR PERHAPS HE
DID SOMETHING THAT ENRAGED GRANDFATHER YUUKI
AND HE WAS FIRED?
"In order to not let you cry anymore,"
"I will do my very best."
THAT CAN'T BE...
HE MUST HAVE BEEN TROUBLED THINKING OF HIMSELF,
IF HE EVEN FORGOT TO SAY GOODBYE TO TSUMIRE.

Koudai?
No way...
Could he...
Have gotten fired at that time...!?
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
AH, IT'S THE STARTING BELL
COME ON, TSUMIRE
TODAY IS THE PARTY
FORGET ALL YOUR TROUBLES
WAHH...
LET'S ENJOY IT.

I thought that I could help Koudai.
I can't seem to enjoy it..
Maybe that's why he hasn't contacted me.
Because of my childishness, Koudai got into trouble.
But in the end, I hurt him and made him lose his most important job..
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU FOR A WHILE NO ONE HAS APPROACHED YOU...
MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE...?
What's with that?
SORRY, NOW IS A LITTLE...
Maybe I won't ever see him again..!
MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?
GOOD EVENING, YOUNG MISS.
LIMMMM, EXCUSE ME

I TOLD YOU, RIGHT NOW IS A LITTLE...
YOU SEEM VERY ENERGETIC I'M RELIEVED
BECAUSE I'VE VOWED TO NOT LET YOU CRY ANYMORE
KOU.....
THAT'S A STUNNING DRESS, ISN'T IT?
BUT, IT'S JUST A BIT ANNOYING

EVEN AN ADULT
CAN GET JEALOUS.
……
"Such a beautiful back.
I don't want any other men to see it."

Koudai...!
EH..?
He's so sly...
There were so many things I wanted to ask and so much I wanted to say.
It was all ruined by that kind of appearance...!
TSUMIRE-SAN, THIS PLACE...

IT APPEARS TO BE A WAITING ROOM...
Hm.
RUMORS
THAT DOESN'T MATTER!
IS IT TRUE THAT GRANDFATHER FIRED YOU!?
.....
YES, IT'S TRUE
BECAUSE I COULDN'T CONTINUE WORKING AFTER I HAD BETRAYED...
WASN'T THAT YOUR MOST IMPORTANT JOB...!?
IMPORTANT JOB? IT'S NO USE WORRYING OVER THAT I CAN FIND SUCH JOBS ELSEWHERE TOO

.....
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH
FRANKLY, MY ABILITY
!
REACHES BEYOND THIS PROJECT. BUT I WAS UNABLE TO STOP YOUR MARRIAGE TO HOSHI KENTO
EVEN SO
THERE MUST BE OTHER METHODS
I'LL DEFINITELY RETURN YOUR FREEDOM.

...THIS IS ALL SO STRANGE
TSUMIRE-SAN?
I HAVE ALREADY COME UP WITH A PLAN FOR GETTING OUT!
ASIDE FROM THAT,
And you're wearing a tailcoat
This is a disguise.
And you're not wearing your glasses either
I'm wearing contacts.
AH, SORRY. I DIDN'T...
YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE I'M A PRISONER CAUGHT ON A FALSE CHARGE
THIS PERSON...
Make a baby
EH...
That can't be.
REALLY
ta♥da
1. If a problem occurs, run away!
2. If that fails, post negative facts about the two families on the internet.
3. React negatively on
l news.
. Make a baby with
cousin and
everyth
BEHOLD, MY STRATEGY!
THIS DOESN'T REALLY COUNT AS STRATEGY IF WE'RE SPEAKING IN TERMS OF LOGIC RIGHT NOW...
Where did this master come from?

I THOUGHT YOU LOOKED SO GROWN UP,
BUT SUDDENLY YOU'VE BECOME REALLY CUTE.
KOUDAI ...?
YOU'RE SUCH A SINFUL GIRL, AREN'T YOU?
"The Goddess of Libra?"

My destiny is right here...
"The fate of the couple is in their hands."
PULL
...NN
Tmp...
If so...
With this person.

Together with Koudai...
GETTING ALL PASSIONATE RIGHT NOW IS NO GOOD.
YOUNG MISS FIANCÉE.
IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR THE SHOW,

!
KENTO...
AH, BE AT EASE
I THOUGHT THAT YOU TWO MIGHT HAVE SUCH A RELATIONSHIP
EH ?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPECIALLY TELL ME
THAT YOU'RE DATING OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT
HAVEN'T I SAID IT BEFORE HINO-SAN?
I DON'T WANT TSUMIRE'S HEART
I ONLY WANT THE SHELL OF "YUUKI TSUMIRE "
Kento...
WHAT IF I SAY THAT YOU CAN'T EVEN HAVE HER SHELL?
THAT'S UNFAIR YOU THINK YOU'RE SO INNOCENT?
WELL, I KNOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN...
SHUT UP!

Koudai...?
WHAT? YOU HAVEN'T TOLD HER YET?
Eh...?
HINO-SAN HAS BEEN USING TSUMIRE THIS ENTIRE TIME.

OK.
COME WITH ME IF YOU WANT TO LIVE!
HONESTLY, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DRAGGED ME HERE LIKE THAT,...
YOU EVEN ENDANGERED MY LITTLE BROTHER!
SOB
BUT, I WAS DESPERATE!
I'M SORRY! IT'S JUST... WE HAVE SO MANY GREAT PROJECTS AND SO LITTLE STAFF!
BOW
WE REALLY NEED YOU!
FLINCH
SO YOU NEED ME, HUH? THEN I'LL HELP, BUT FIRST YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME...
DOKI DOKI
EH!? IS THAT ALL!?
...SAY "PLEASE"
serious

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HINO-SAN HAS BEEN USING TSUMIRE THIS ENTIRE TIME.
WHAT? HAVEN'T YOU TOLD HER YET?
Eh...?
WHAT'S... THIS ABOUT?
THAT...
Bzz Bzz Bzz
EXCUSE ME,
IT SEEMS THAT THE HOST'S TIME IS ALMOST UP.

I'M BORROWING TSUMIRE FOR A MINUTE.
KENTO!
THE TWO OF YOU COULD CONTINUE ON LIKE THIS, BUT...
THE JOB MUST TO BE FINISHED PROPERLY.
HOWEVER, IF YOU TWO DO CHOOSE TO REMAIN LIKE THIS,
I'M AFRAID THAT...
EVEN IF IT TAKES BRUTE FORCE, I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY.
Kento...
HINO-SAN WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE BEING A LAWYER IN THE FUTURE TOO, RIGHT?
.....
I UNDER-STAND
TSUMIRE-SAN!
KOUDAI
WHEN THIS IS OVER, YOU'LL HAVE TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING.

Waaa
……
THIS YOUNG MISS IS TSUMIRE-SAN
SHE IS THE GRAND-DAUGHTER OF YUUKI KIHACHIRO, FROM YUKI JEWELRY
AND ALSO MY FIANCE.

Chu
RIGHT, TSUMIRE?
I'm feeling faint.
What
No way!
EXPLAIN
BECAUSE OF... CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, I BECAME IN CHARGE OF THE MARRIAGE CANDIDATES.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "CERTAIN CIRCUM-STANCES"?
THAT...
I CAN'T TELL YOU
WHY...!?
BECAUSE IT'S INCREDIBLY PERSONAL
AND BECAUSE I...
THERE MAY BE SOME THINGS THAT YOU CAN'T TELL JUST ANYONE...
BUT I BET THOSE "CIRCUM-STANCES" HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH ME TOO. AM I RIGHT...!?
AM STILL A CHILD?
TSUMIRE-SAN
BUT KOUDAI, WE'VE ALREADY COME THIS FAR. SHOULDN'T YOU BE ABLE TO TELL ME ANYTHING!?

.. I'M SORRY.
KOUDAI!
EVEN SO...!
FLINCH
EVEN SO...
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU DON'T KNOW.

KACHA
I SEE!
!
HE STILL HASN'T TOLD YOU YET?
TSUMIRE-SAN...!
BECAUSE TSUMIRE HAS THE RIGHT TO KNOW TOO
.....
ALLOW ME TELL YOU
BAM
!
VROOOM
TSUMIRE-SAN

WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING..!?
SCREECH

PARDON ME
YUUKI STUDIO..?
Yuuki Studio
Tadda
SORRY FOR COMING BY UNANNOUNCED
THANK YOU
YOU MAY TAKE A LOOK AROUND
COME TSUMIRE
THAT KID...
EH?
FULL
N- nice to meet you.
THIS IS YUUKI TSUMIRE

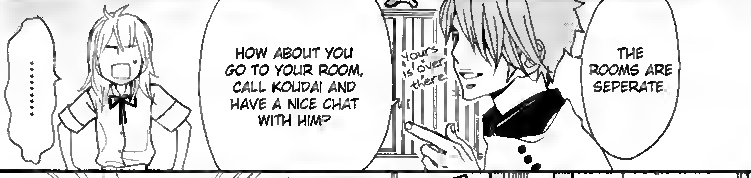
Uwahh!
THIS WORKSHOP'S CRAFTSMEN
HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR YUKI JEWELRY SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING.
This is...
WHAT CRAFTS-MEN?
YOUR PEOPLE AT "STARS" OFFERED US MONEY AND TRIED TO PURSUE US.
WAS THAT SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU WANT OUR CRAFTS-MANSHIP?
YOU'RE EVEN GOING INTO MASS PRODUCTION, CAUSING THE QUALITY OF THE PRODUCTS TO FALL! IS YOUR GOAL JUST TO RUIN YUKI'S REPUTATION ...!?

Eh...?
Tomo san
BUT... THAT MAY BE SO,
IF YOU REFUSE,
THEN YOU WILL ALL LOSE YOUR JOBS.
Kento...
IN OTHER WORDS, IF TSUMIRE DOESN'T MARRY ME,
THIS STUDIO WILL LOSE ITS PURPOSE.

T/N. Onsen = Hot Springs

LIED!?
AHHH, THAT.. I LIED.
AREN'T YOU GOING TO TELL ME ABOUT KOUDAI...!?
IF I DIDN'T LIE YOU WOULDN'T HAVE COME WITH ME, RIGHT?
Here.
!

RUMBLE
WE CAN'T GO BACK IN THIS WEATHER.
It's dangerous.
Hey...!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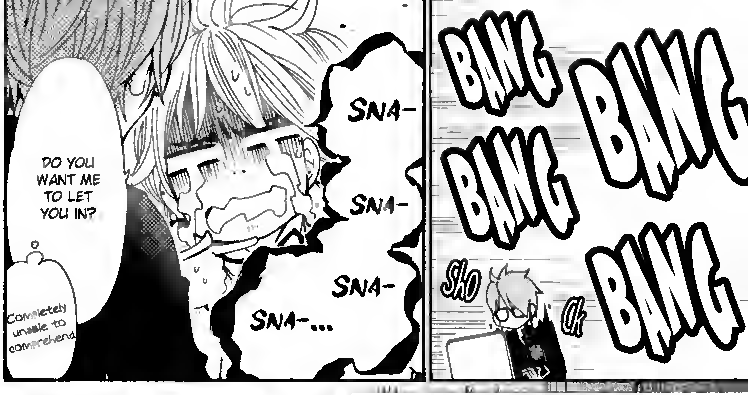
HOW ABOUT YOU GO TO YOUR ROOM, CALL KOUDAI AND HAVE A NICE CHAT WITH HIM?
Yours is over there!
THE ROOMS ARE SEPERATE

"Your people at 'Stars' offered us money and tried to pursue us."
"In other words, if Tsumire doesn't marry me,
Actually...
This studio will lose its purpose."

Skip
Hasn't contacted me at all!!
EMPTY...
Koudai, he....

It was good to go to the studio
because I've been so selfish in this marriage arrangement...
"Even so..!"
It hurts...
LEER
That idiot,
saying it like that
"Even so...
It doesn't matter if you don't know"
slither slither
EH...?
baka...


SNA-
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SNA-...
DO YOU WANT ME TO LET YOU IN?
Completely unable to comprehend
BANG BANG BANG BANG
SKO
CK

EHH... THEN YOU WANT TO STAY HERE?
NO WAY!!!...
What if it comes back again...!?
NO WAY!
BUT WE CAN'T ASK FOR ANOTHER ROOM, THESE WERE THE LAST TWO.
!?

SO THE SNAKE HAS BEEN CAUGHT? GREAT.
YOU CAN GO BACK NOW, IT'S GONE
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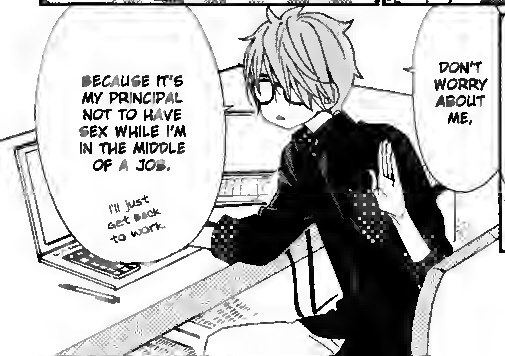

BECAUSE IT'S MY PRINCIPAL NOT TO HAVE SEX WHILE I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A JOB.
I'll just get back to work.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME,
YOU CAN STAY HERE.
THEN THE CAR...

Fu...
Won't have sex while in the middle of a job, but marrying me for work? Kento...
Ugh
.....
Finished..
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
Zzzzzz
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
Like this?
This is my boyfriend.
This is my husband.
Wouldn't that be very confusing?
"The two of you could continue on like this..."
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
Just speak normally
Yes
And then?
CLACK
I really don't understand what Kento is thinking...
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

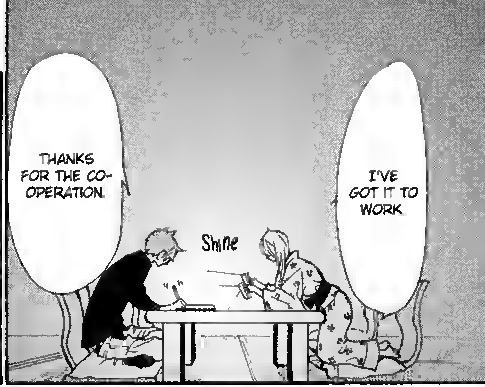
Koudai still hasn't contacted me at all yet...!
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
Z Z Z Z
English!! His pronunciation is flawless!
Mr. Jacob? This is Kento. Will you check your inventory right
Sure.
accommodate your requests as
Isn't he worried at all? Ahhh~ Really~ I don't get adults~!
What if something were to happen between Kento and I!?
ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL
ANGUISH
He knows I'm with Kento right now, doesn't he?
The reception is great here...
CLICK CLICKCLICKCLICK CLACK CLACK CLICK CLICKCLICKCLICKCLICKCLICKCLICKCLICKty CLICK CLICK
Sent me?
Thanks
FLASH
CLACK CLACK

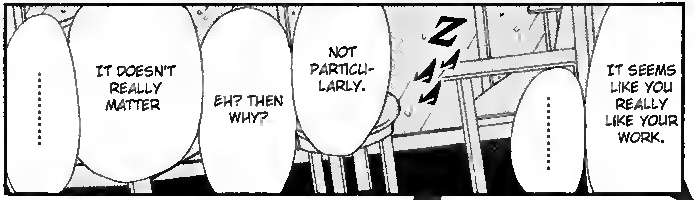
Dark...
SHO CK
AH!
WAH!
BOOM
BANG
IT'S BLACK-OUT FROM THE STORM, HUH?
That was loud.
KENTO?
BL-
BLACK-OUT. YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
IT WILL COME BACK ON SOON. WHY IS THE LAPTOP BLACKED OUT TOO?
THE LIGHT-NING,
IT WENT THROUGH THE CABLE... YEAH, THAT MUST BE IT...
UM, KENTO-?
EH?
Is he...

KENTO, ARE YOU AFRAID OF THE DARK...?
...WHA-
Z Z Z Z
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, TSUMIRE? THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
POKO
WAH!

SORRY, DIDN'T YOU SEE THAT COMING...?
YEAH, MY EYES HAVE GOTTEN USED TO IT
TSUMIRE YOU CAN SEE?
No waaay.
...No.
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
Five?
AH
I ALSO HAVE THAT APP.
Five of them
Right now, we could really use a flashlight.
Shite
IM THE MANAGER
WE ARE TERRIBLY SORRY ABOUT THE ELECTRICITY, SIR.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
No way.
IT APPEARS THAT THE WIRE TO THE POWER SUPPLY HAS BEEN DAMAGED
RECOVERY SHOULD PERHAPS BE MADE BY MORNING.
SERIOUSLY...
I was so shocked...
That Kento
had such a normal side too.
SO...

WHAT?
I can't see you but I can feel it.
STARE
KENTO...


THANKS FOR THE CO-OPERATION.
Shake
I'VE GOT IT TO WORK.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IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER
EH? THEN WHY?
NOT PARTICU-LARLY.
.....
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU REALLY LIKE YOUR WORK.

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
I'M NOT.
King?
TO WANT MONEY, POWER, FAME AND TO BECOME THE KING OF THE COMPANY.
IT IS ONLY NATURAL
BAM!

I AM NOW VERY SENSITIVE TO PEOPLE HIDING THE TRUTH FROM ME...!!
MENACING
AHHH.
So it seems

I WON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO ANYONE'S ORDERS ANYMORE.
I REALLY DO WANT ALL OF THAT
AND WHEN I HAVE IT,
You can put down the smartphone to cover your mouth you know...
IT'S COLDER AFTER A HOT BATH GO COVER YOURSELF WITH THE FUTON
UH HUH.
BY ANY CHANCE HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE ONSEN?
ARE YOU OKAY?
COMFY
PFFF
OOCHA OOCHA
Listen..
To anyone's orders..?
THAT, WHAT..
Fu

YOU LOOK LIKE A HUGE CONCH.
AHHAHAHA
Ah...
He's smiling like he did the first time we met.
.....
Kento...
Ah, that's enough for now.
I really don't get him.
I suppose that his whole life revolves around his work.
"I won't have to listen to anyone's orders anymore."
.....
His work is more important than his own marriage.
He even said I could continue to be with Koudai while we're married.
Also, he was really calm when that craftsman at the studio was cold towards him.
Could it be that there are still things I don't know...?
UMM... KENTO...

WHO IS IT THAT YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO THEN?
WHO...
crawl
crawl
TSUMIRE?
GIYAAAH
CLATTER
THUD
WAH!

HEY, TSUMIRE
ZZZ
YOU'RE HEAVY...
SOR-

JUMPS
SORRY FOR MAKING A COMMOTION ...!
B- B- BUT JUST NOW...
THOSE SNAKES ON THE WINDOW...
GRIPS
THIS JOB, SHOULD WE MAKE IT A DONE DEAL?
Ke...

TSUMIRE WON'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE OUR MARRIAGE
THAT WAY,
flip
That expression...
YOU... DON'T REALLY WANT ANYTHING TO HAPPEN BETWEEN US

I THINK THAT KENTO IS REALLY AMAZING
YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL AND YOU'RE ALREADY WORKING
You can even tell the staff what to do and multitask.
ISN'T IT ACTUALLY BECAUSE YOU HAVE OTHER, MORE IMPORTANT THINGS THAT YOU WANT...?
BUT...
SOMETIMES YOU'RE VERY COARSE AND EVEN CAUSE PEOPLE TO DISLIKE YOU...
IS IT REALLY ALL FOR MONEY AND POWER?
...WHA-

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, TSUMIRE? I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER MOTIVES.
BUT THE WORKING WORLD IS HARSH, YOU KNOW.
YOU CAN'T ALWAYS GO PUTTING FEELINGS INTO IT.
BEING DISLIKED AND SUCH IS SCARY BUT IT'S ALSO INEVITABLE...
Blink
What is he so afraid of?
Is it the darkness? Or..
I KNOW IT TOO...

THERE WAS NOTHING BUT DARKNESS
AND IT WAS SO COLD THAT I COULDN'T MOVE
Like when Mom passed away...
I felt as if I was the only one in the world.
BUT AT THAT TIME...
SOMEONE HELD ME REALLY CLOSE
When I had almost slipped away,
he was the one who pulled me back.
THAT'S WHY I CAN BE LIKE THIS NOW
Even if we're apart now and I have no contact with him...
Even if
he's not fully expressing his feelings...
IT'S BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN HIM
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO CONTINUE MEETING WITH HIM.
That's why...

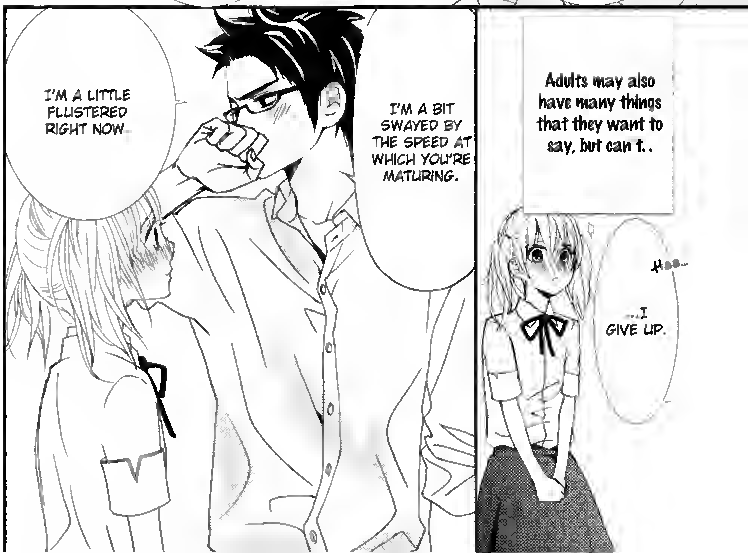
There is this yearning between us.
WHEN...
KENTO HAS SOMEONE THAT HE CAN CARE ABOUT MORE THAN WORK, THAT WILL BE GREAT.
flip
TSU-
AH, THEY CRAWLED AWAY!

That's good~♥
.....
Chirp
Chirp
Chirp
TSUMIRE-SAN!
KOUDAI!?
MUNCH MUNCH

You punk, you better not have touched her...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY.
IT WAS NOTHING
Woah, his inner thoughts are incredibly devious
YOU CAME TO PICK ME UP!?
ARE YOU EATING BREAKFAST?
Yeah, it's local cuisine.
KENTO!
Ah, yeah.
Let's go
HAVE A NICE DAY...!
THANK YOU FOR TAKING ME TO THE STUDIO
WILL RECONSIDER
OUR MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENT FOR YUKI JEWELRY.
I...
I'M NOT AS AMAZING AS KENTO,
BUT

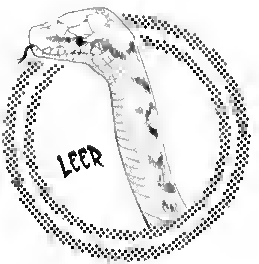
NOW I ALSO HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT I DON'T WANT TO LOSE.
I'M SORRY...
FOR NOT CONTACTING YOU LAST NIGHT.
.....
SEE~YA!
Thanks for everything

TSUMIRE-SAN...
I'M SORRY FOR NOT LISTENING TO YOUR EXPLAINATION PROPERLY...
IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU USING ME OR SOMETHING, THAT'S NOT WHAT MATTERS.
...ME TOO...
I think that...
I REGRET SAYING WHAT I DID, IT SOUNDED LIKE I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO COME...
WHAT MATTERS IS THAT I WANT TO BE TOGETHER WITH KOUDAI


I'M A LITTLE FLUSTERED RIGHT NOW...
I'M A BIT SWAYED BY THE SPEED AT WHICH YOU'RE MATURING.
Adults may also have many things that they want to say, but can't...
...I GIVE UP.

EH!?
What does that..?
BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE TO YOU, YOU KNOW.
I WANT TO...
EXPLAIN EVERYTHING.
WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME?
YEAH...
Step

I CAN CARE ABOUT MORE THAN WORK... HUH?
SOMEONE...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COME WITH ME IF YOU WANT TO LIVE!
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SOB
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Can we meet now?
"I want to...
explain everything."
TSUMIRE-SAN!
COME ON, HOP IN.

IT'S BETTER TO DISCUSS IT THERE TO AVOID ANY UNWANTED ATTENTION
His hair is shorter too!!
Eh, casual clothes!?
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
MY APARTMENT
Eh.....?
COME ON IN
No...
GA-CHA

No way, suddenly going to Koudai's home!?
HAVE A SEAT.
DO YOU WANT COFFEE OR SOMETHING?
OKAY, GOT IT.
OF COURSE I'LL HAVE COFFEE, BLACK COFFEE!!
JUICE, BUT ONLY VEGETABLE JUICE.
AND I HAVE...
So...
Treating me like a kid again.
This is really Koudai's room...
clank
clank

So many books...
It looks so simplistic
or, should I say, down-to-earth
This is where...
Uwah!
Koudai sleeps everyday... ♡
※ INNOCENT DAYDREAM
TSUMIRE-SAN?
JOLT
S- SORRY!
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
Ah...

So, it has already made the headlines..
Big News! The Fiancee's True Face!?
Wah, this picture ...!?
THE NEWEST PRODUCT FROM "STARS" HAS APPARENTLY GAINED ATTENTION OVERSEAS TOO
IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF I COULD HAVE UNDONE THE ARRANGEMENT EARLIER, THEN TSUMIRE-SAN WOULDN'T BE SO TROUBLED...
KOUDAI
LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW
WE'RE HERE SO THAT I CAN LISTEN TO YOUR EXPLANATION.
YEAH.

I APOLOGIZE.
I REALLY AM SORRY.
WELL, THEN FIRST...
EH?
WHAT HOSHI-SAN SAID ABOUT ME USING TSUMIRE-SAN...
IT'S THE TRUTH.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY...
.....
"USING" ME...?
I FIRST APPROACHED KIHACHIROU-SHI, NOT AS A LAWYER, BUT FOR PERSONAL REASONS.
KIHACHIROU-SHI, HE...
REFUSED TO TELL ME THE TRUTH CONCERNING WHAT HAD HAPPENED BETWEEN HIMSELF AND MY FATHER, HINO MICHIHIRO.

KOUDAI'S... FATHER AND MY GRAND-FATHER...?
KIHACHIROU-SHI PROMISED ME THAT WHEN I SUCCESSFULLY SET YOU UP WITH HOSHI KENTO HE WOULD TELL ME
SO I WAS USING YOU IN ORDER TO HEAR THE TRUTH FROM HIM
THIS DOESN'T REALLY MATTER ANYMORE
...IN COMPARISON TO THAT...
KOUDAI IS NOW IN A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION
BECAUSE YOU AND I...
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE NOW IN SUCH TROUBLE...
IN THE PAST, I WOULD'VE SAID THAT TOO,
BUT...
.....

RIGHT NOW, I...
JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK
THAT I'M A LOSER
Koudai...
SO,
MAY I ASK
ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN YOUR FATHER AND MY GRAND-FATHER...?
.....
MY FATHER WAS THE LAW CONSULTANT FOR JEWELRY YUKI.
HE WAS ALSO KIHACHIROU-SHI'S BUSINESS PARTNER, WHO SUPPORTED THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESS OF THE COMPANY

WHEN I WAS A KID, I WAS INSPIRED BY THEIR PASSION FOR THEIR WORK.
THOSE TWO WOULD COME TO MY HOME AND DISCUSS COMPANY RELATED ISSUES UNTIL MIDNIGHT.
BUT...
WHEN JEWELRY YUKI BECAME WELL-KNOWN.
Even though I didn't even understand what business meant.
WOW
I DECIDED TO BECOME A LAWYER LIKE MY FATHER
IT WAS AT THAT TIME
AT THE SAME TIME, THE MEDIA WAS SPREADING RUMORS ABOUT THE USE OF ILLEGAL MATERIALS.
Eh...?
THEY SAID THAT JEWELRY YUKI'S FAME WAS ALL THANKS TO ILLEGAL ACTIONS.
MY FATHER WAS FIRED.

EVEN PEOPLE WHO KNEW HIM WELL
WERE ASKING IF THE REASON FOR HIS UN-EMPLOYMENT WITH JEWELRY YUKI WAS TRUE.
SUCH A THING
THE MEDIA WOULD SWARM OUR HOUSE
AND NO MATTER WHERE WE WENT, PEOPLE WOULD AVOID US.
SO WE ENDED UP MOVING IN WITH MY MOTHER'S FAMILY TO GET AWAY FROM EVERYTHING.
Couldn't you have just cleared up the misunder-standing?
...BUT THE MEDIA WAS LYING, RIGHT?
THAT...
I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS TRUE OR NOT.
Eh..?
WHY WOULDN'T KIHACHIROU-SHI DENY IT?
I MUST'VE ASKED MY FATHER A MILLION TIMES
I WANTED HIM TO TELL ME THE TRUTH
WHY HE WOULD DO THAT
AND IF HE FELT SORRY
I ASKED AND ASKED...

TO USE YOU, TSUMIRE-SAN...!
"Sorry, Koudai"
BUT THAT PERSON WOULDN'T GIVE ME AN ANSWER.
HE WAS AVOIDING EVERY-THING,
HIS WORK AND HIS RESPONSI-BILITIES AS A FATHER ..!
SO I FELT THAT I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE, BUT TO...
Koudai...!

...SORRY...
TSUMIRE-SAN...?
I'M SORRY...
I have been so selfish
even though all this time you've been suffering..
Why wasn't I aware of this?
And yet..
"No matter what!"

"In order to not let you cry anymore..
"I will do my very best."
You've protected me,
treasured me.
LET'S GO SEE HIM, KOUDAI,
YOUR FATHER.

EH...?
MAYBE HE WON'T TELL US RIGHT AWAY,
BUT...
WE COULD SPEAK TO HIM WITH HUMBLE INTENTIONS AND PERHAPS ONE DAY HE WILL TELL US EVERYTHING
IT MAY BE A CHILDISH METHOD,
UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER,
WHERE'D THAT COME FROM...?
BUT THIS WAY, YOU AND YOUR FATHER
MAY START TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER SOMEDAY...!
You two are really alike!
BECAUSE YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY FROM YOUR ISSUES TOO!
.....
HMPH
SO WE'RE GOING, RIGHT KOUDAI!?
.....
...SO THEN
TSUMIRE-SAN IS GOING TO MEET MY PARENTS
YOU'LL BE THE FIRST GIRL I'VE BROUGHT HOME...
Huh?

I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE
TO LAUGH LIKE THIS AFTER TELLING THE STORY ABOUT MY FATHER...
FORGIVE ME
Fu Fu
Huh!?
IT WAS GOOD THAT I WAS ABLE TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT IT..!
TSUMIRE-SAN, YOU'RE AMAZING.
Koudai..!

His hand...
It's a bit shaky...
I will...

Do whatever I can to protect Koudai...
...THIS TIME IT'S MY TURN,
TO GIVE KOUDAI
THE WARMTH OF MY BODY...
Just like...
Koudai did for me on that day...
TSUMIRE-SAN
WAH!
THUD

LEANS
Ah.
SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT
TO AN ADULT,
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS?
Loosens...
EH...?
IT'S LIKE WANTING TO BE "PRETEND LOVERS" WITH ME.

FLINCH
...AH!
blows
THAT'S NOT JUST SIMPLY SLEEPING NEXT TO EACH OTHER, YOU KNOW?
I'M SUCH A MESS...
RIGHT NOW,
THE FORNICATION ORDINANCE AND CHILD WELFARE LAW ARE TWISTING AROUND IN MY HEAD.
TSUMIRE-SAN, YOU ARE...

SINCE IT'S LIKE THIS, PLEASE...
WHY IS IT THAT YOU ARE SO YOUNG...?
BECOME AN ADULT QUICKLY
UNTIL THEN...
KOU...
WE CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER THAN THIS...

RIIIIIIIING
RIIIIIIIING
Koudai...!
SQUEEEEZE
CHOKES
Geh
.....
.....
TSUMIRE -SAN!
.....
TSUMIRE -SAN?
.....
TSUMIRE -SAN
.....
RIIIIING
RIIIIING
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RIIIIING
CAN WE MEET RIGHT NOW?
I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE COMPANY'S STAFF.
YOU'RE A BIT AGITATED, AREN'T YOU?
WHO IS IT!?
TSU-...
Woah.

KENTO...
I HAVE AN IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT TODAY...
I'M SORRY.
...WITH HINO-SAN?
EH?
FOR ME?
YES
I'm coming to pick up Tsumire right now.
EH?
May I speak to him for a sec?
Fuu
AH, YEAH

WHAT...?
You're really hindering me right now. I've said that you and Tsumire may date if you want.
But did you know that
right now Tsumire is being followed by the press?
If this were to get out the arrangement will be off
.....
HE SAID HE'S COMING TO PICK YOU UP RIGHT NOW.
I UNDERSTAND. GOODBYE.
WHAT DID KENTO SAY?
EH... WHY? NO WAY,
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YET.
WAIT, LET ME SPEAK WITH KENTO...
TSUMIRE-SAN.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT.
LET'S MEET UP ANOTHER TIME...
WE STILL HAVE TO MAKE PLANS TO SEE MY FATHER, RIGHT?

Why....!?
DING DONG
WELL, LET'S GO THEN.
HMPH!!
GRUMP
GRUMP
.....
PULL
PULL
.....
EHH?
TSUMIRE, COULD YOU PLEASE GO TO THE CAR FIRST?
HUH?
SEE-S
HINO-SAN, YOU..

JOLT
YOU SURE ARE DIRECT, HUH?
HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING TO TSUMIRE YET, HAVE YOU?
THAT...
THEN, YOU MUST TREASURE HER A LOT.
SINCE IT'S STILL MORE COMPASSION
THAT'S WISE, ISN'T IT?
THAN A FEELING OF GENUINE LOVE, RIGHT?
.....
EVEN IF OTHERS HAD GIVEN OUR RELATION-SHIP THEIR BLESSINGS,
HAPPINESS WON'T BE FOUND SIMPLY BY SATISFYING THE BODY
SO IT'S LIKE THAT.
Stupid Kouda! It's a holiday tomorrow! I could've stayed at his house...

HUH?
TSUMIRE TOLD ME BEFORE
THAT SOMEONE HAD HELD HER CLOSE WHEN SHE WAS ALL ALONE
DID SHE MEAN HINO -SAN?
SHE SAID THAT SHE WANTED TO MEET WITH YOU BECAUSE SHE BELIEVED IN YOU.
SO, WHAT OF IT?
WELL, HAVE A NICE DAY.
SHUS
THE WAY I SEE IT,
WHEN TSUMIRE LOST HER MOTHER,
YOU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THAT TIME WITHOUT HER REALIZING IT

EH?
WHERE'S YOUR RIBBON?
Ah.
SECRET~ ♡
WHAT DID YOU TALK ABOUT?
BRUM
Koudai took it off and I ended up leaving it in his room.
Oh well, now I have an excuse to see Koudai tomorrow~ ♡
I'm such a genius!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, I KNOW WHERE IT IS.
That's good to know!
REALLY ?
VROOOM
TSUMIRE
HOLD ON TIGHT
HUH?
EAHH !?

Are those journalists?
!!
He still he would drive me crazy...
"When Tsumire lost her mother,
you took advantage of that time without her realizing it."
"The way I see it,"
scratch
scratch
ALWAYS RUBBING SALT ON PEOPLE'S WOUNDS...
THAT PUNK

Oh!
STAR!? WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
I WANTED TO INTRODUCE MY FIANCÉ TO EVERYONE
Waahn
STRICTLY SPEAKING, IT'S MY FATHER'S COMPANY
STARS HOLDINGS
SO THIS IS KENTO'S COMPANY ...!?
H-HELLO?
HELLO I'M STAR'S COLLEAGUE ETHAN.
YOU'RE EVEN SMALLER IN PERSON.
YOU'RE JUST LIKE IN THE PICTURES.
Wow!
Just now, did he say fiance?
DON'T TOUCH HER!
YOU'RE SO CUTE! LEAVE STAR.
WHY DON'T YOU DATE ME INSTEAD?
CHU
AH, HEY!

KENTO, IT HURTS...
returns
AH, SORRY!
WHAT WAS THAAAT?
STAY S RAGUS!
I'M SORRY, TSUMIRE
KENTO...?
?
.....
IF IT'S LIKE THAT THEN...
HOW ABSURD.
CAN'T I JUST GO HOME NOW?
UM... WHERE IS THE NEAREST STA-...
WHY DON'T YOU GREET MY COLLEAGUES ALONE?
I DON'T FEEL WELL
FLEES
SHAAA...
Can an unwell person even run that fast?
HA?
WAIT..!

-TION...
SLAM
FLUTTER

Tsumire-san's ribbon..
I should return it.
KACHA
HEY, KENTO..
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
BESIDES...
WE'RE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF YOUR COMPANY.
THIS MAY AFFECT YOUR WORK...
I WANT TO GIVE SOMETHING A TRY.
I'VE BEEN RESTLESS EVER SINCE I HUGGED YOU THAT NIGHT
IF THE REASON FOR THIS RESTLESSNESS ISN'T TSUMIRE, THEN I'LL LET YOU GO
BUT...
IF YOU ARE THE REASON, THEN..

I WON'T LET YOU GO BACK TO HINO-SAN'S SIDE AGAIN.
Eh?

CLENCH

SLAP
NO...!
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ...!?
WHY ...!?
Screech...

SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
NOT BAD, HUH?
HANDSOME SCION KISSING ON THE STREET
GETS SLAPPED.
IF THIS GETS OUT, THAT NEW PRODUCT...

IS FINISHED.
《TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 4!!》

おひさしぶりです。栄羽弥です。
3巻です！ あめてたいです。
作品を作るにあたり
ご協力くださったみなさま
特に 取材を受けてくださった
彫金職人さん（とってもいい方でした。
お話面白かったです）、そして
いつも 助言をくださる弁護士のS先生
（お忙しいのに →スミキです）
そして 担当編集者のミシナ店長＋
（S2女T一行の舞台につれて行ってくれて
ありがとう ♥ 最高でした……）
じゃあ 感謝いたします。　つづく

そしてそして
何よりも この本を手にしてくださっている
あなたさま♥ お手紙をくださるあなたさま♥
ネット上でつぶやいてくださっているあなたさま♥
みなさまの送ってくださるエールのおかげで
今の私があります。ご期待に応えられるよう
喜んでいただけるよう これからも がんばります!
本当にありがとうございました♥
4巻でまたお会いしましょう!

OK.
COME WITH ME IF YOU WANT TO LIVE!
HONESTLY, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DRAGGED ME HERE LIKE THAT,...
YOU EVEN ENDANGERED MY LITTLE BROTHER!
SOB
BUT, I WAS DESPERATE!
I'M SORRY! IT'S JUST... WE HAVE SO MANY GREAT PROJECTS AND SO LITTLE STAFF!
BOW
WE REALLY NEED YOU!
FLINCH
SO YOU NEED ME, HUH? THEN I'LL HELP, BUT FIRST YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME...
DOKI DOKI
EH!? IS THAT ALL!?
...SAY "PLEASE"
serious

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